

# Meet Your School District Candidates

**Brandon Sheppard**

My children are the reason that I chose to run for School Board. Aubrey is 10 and Zachary is 7. I clearly have a vested interest in Education and its future success. We have a unique opportunity to positively change the quality of education for our children and future generation to come!

I own and operated a very successful company. I serve on the board for Friends of MS. I have the necessary business pedigree that can serve as a valuable asset to the new School Board. If elected I pledge that I will fight for change & for the rights of our children and educators!

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**Mel Thomson**

- B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Education
- 34 Years experience as teacher, counselor, vice principal and principal.
- Recognized as outstanding secondary principal of the year for Utah.
- President of secondary principals association for Utah.
- Has good judgement, courage, and curriculum knowledge.

Over the years there has been a panorama of new programs in education, with the asset of experience I know what proposals should be accepted. Many teachers and parents have asked me to run for the board of education because they know I have the wisdom and the courage to work with and to help solve difficult problems. I believe I could be a great asset to the Jordan School District as a member of the Board of Education.

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**Raelynn Swenson**

Education and Experience:

- Master of Education Degree from the U of U
- Thirty years teaching in grades preschool through high school
- Owner, director, and teacher of Magic Moments Preschool for 23 years
- President of the Lupus Foundation of Utah for 5 years.
- Organizing the community on land use issues

Goals:

- Entice new teachers with better salaries, benefits, and incentives
- Lower ratio of students to teachers in the classroom
- Increase allocation per student to national average
- Increase exposure to arts and extra curricular activities
- Represent your interests

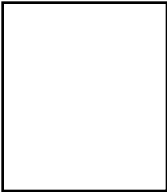
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**Julie B. Tikalsky**

Julie B. Tikalsky is a stay-at-home mother of two elementary students. She is an active volunteer in the schools including classroom hours, room parent, Junior Achievement, book fair, and field days. Her professional career included 10 years in nonprofit association management including board training and effectiveness, government and community relations, fund raising and event logistics. Ms. Tikalsky holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Penn State University. Her academic expertise is leadership and governance, especially public boards of trustees and accountability. She believes that the new east-side district is a wonderful opportunity to provide our children with a top-notch education.

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Vote for the New School District #3 seat held on Primary Election Day. THIS IS THE ONLY ELECTION FOR THIS SEAT. Whoever wins this election will be the new school board member. There is no Primary election held for this seat.

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## New School Board District #3 Candidates Night

**May 29th, 2008 – 5:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Canyon View Elementary Gymnasium (3050 E. Bengal Blvd. (7800 So.)**

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**Renee Bangerter – CANDIDATE WITHDRAWN**

**Sandy Brunnenmeyer**

“Creating The School District That Serves Our Future”

*Supporting:*

- Enhanced literacy, accelerated learning, early art and music, middle school sports
- School use of community resources like rec. centers, amphitheaters
- Education free of fees (lockers, labs, P.E.)
- Dialogue between community and school board
- Wages & benefits that attract & retain high quality educators
- Taxes that supports educational needs
- Alternative funding methods & community business partnerships
- District sponsored child care for teachers

*Offering:*

- 17 years experience as a Probation Officer and Counselor
- PTA Board & School Community Council Member
- Instructional Assistant for JSD for 6 years
- Thinking “Outside The Box”



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**Jerry S. Christensen**

Educator – Business Leader – Community Volunteer 25-year background of building successful education and testing companies is well suited to the unique task at hand– Building the ‘21st Century School District!’

- His facility with the state-of-the-art communications technologies will ensure that our 21st Century District provides our teachers, students and parents with learning tools only imagined by our predecessors.
- Jerry’s in-class teaching experience will ensure that decisions are always based on what is best for the classroom and the student-teacher relationship.
- Jerry’s decade of service in our local schools as School Community Council Member, PTSA President and Brighton Wall of Fame recipient ensure that he understands the needs of the schools and knows how to meet those needs.



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**Kevin Craig Cromar**

Served in Legislature (1982-86) on Public Education Appropriations Committee where he championed public education with legislation reducing class size. Received UEA Honor Roll Award (1984) given to non-educator making greatest contribution to Utah education. Project management professor at universities in China with economics degree and MBA. Currently chairperson Cottonwood Heights Historical Committee. Wife, Cathy, is teacher in Jordan School District (21 years); 5 children; 5 grandchildren.

Fund art, music, P.E. specialists in elementary schools. Maintain and improve teacher salaries/benefits, making new district magnet for teachers. Provide prep time for elementary teachers. Reduce administrative costs. Share costs through interlocal agreements. Improve school board accessibility.



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**Teresa Curtis**

- Bachelors Degree in Nursing from University of Utah
- Served on the School Community Councils at Brighton and Brookwood
- PTA Commissioner at Brookwood Elementary for 4 years
- Currently serving on the University of Utah Nursing Development Board
- Mother of six children, three of whom currently attend public schools

As a 27 year resident of Sandy, I want to represent the parents and taxpayers of our community. The purpose of the School Board is to bring ideas and principles from all walks of life into the education community. Citizens as well as business and civic leaders are interested and willing to contribute to the success of our schools. Enthusiastically, I will move forward and welcome the public’s involvement.

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**Martha Heiskell**

I was born and raised in Ohio and graduated from Capital University in Columbus Ohio. I received my Masters in School Counseling from the University of Phoenix. I have been a teacher in Jordan School District for 26 years.

I believe it is important for the new school board to include a member who has experience working in the school setting and can incorporate realistic policies. I believe every decision made should have the education of the students as the highest priority. Teachers must feel confident that throughout this transition, their careers will be honored and will not suffer any disruptions.

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**Debra H. Hunter**

- BS University of Utah
- PTA President – Sprucewood Elementary, Albion Middle
- School Community Council Chair – Quail Hollow Elementary
- Mother of four Jordan School District graduates, wife of Jordan High School teacher
- As a board member I will gain back the trust and respect of the public and our teachers. My main goal will be to put our children’s education first by taking care of our current teachers, maintaining special programs already in place and recruiting the best and brightest new teachers. I will work hard and well with current and new board members to make the District great!

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**Randy Johnson**

My name is Randy Johnson. I have four children and all will attend the new school district. I earned my Bachelor’s degree, and a state of Utah teaching certificate from Brigham Young University. I have a Master’s of Business Administration degree from the University of Utah. I have devoted my life to helping young people become great adults. I have been teaching and coaching for over 15 years. With the creation of a new school district I feel we have the chance to create a great environment to help our children achieve greatness in society.

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**John Cannon Josephson**

- I am running for the Board of Education in district 3 of the Jordan East School District to help enhance the learning process for our youth in which I feel are the promises of the future.
- I expect no remuneration for this position and if there is it will be given back to the district in areas that I feel could most benefit from it.
- I am retired and can give my complete attention to the job. I will continue visiting the schools, talking with the P.T.S.A. groups and getting their input.
- I want to help get parents active and involved in the education of their children and in the curriculum offered in the schools.
- My whole life has been involved with education. I hope to help the new district be the best district in the State of Utah.

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**Chet D. Linton**

Since 1991, I have been working with schools and school systems throughout North America to help them change and improve. I know what it takes for school districts to be successful and how to create environments where students and teachers excel . School Board Objectives:

- Create a culture of learning for students and teachers
- Engaging the right district administrative team
- Hiring and retaining high quality teachers and staff
- Making decisions based the research of what works & being driven by results
- Preparing students for the future with the right skills and knowledge
- Every student achieving at high levels
- Funding & Fiscal Responsibility
- Continued funding for activities and programs

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**Allan R. Nelson**

Has the ability to bring people together to work toward a common goal--formation of a strong school board centered on the needs of the students, teachers, and the community.

He will bring a unique perspective to the board. He holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the fields of elementary education and educational administration. He is a retired classroom teacher, school principal, and district administrator.

He believes it’s critical to work with other members of the board to hire district officials who can develop programs and recruit teachers who will help all of our students grow to their full potential.

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**Clay Pearce**

*Professional:* Over twenty years experience as a teacher and administrator in Granite School District.

*Education and Family:* Married with three children who attend schools in the Jordan District. B.S., Political Science, M.S., Educational Administration, U of U.

*Positions:* Lobbying for the funds necessary to retain quality teachers, counselors, and administrators. Limiting class size. Offering a wide range of courses and educational experiences for all of our students. Relying on sound expert advice when making capital improvements and building new schools. Lobbying to stop School Vouchers. Maintaining access to needed facilities in the old Jordan District, until similar facilities can be developed in the new District.

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